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## JAWATANKUASA PEGUAM PULAU PINANG PENANG BAR COMMITTEE

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To Members of the Penang Bar,

## Update No 15: Standard Operating Procedures for Court Operations during Recovery Movement Control Order and post-Movement Control Order period

We have received the following updates from Director of the Penang Courts, Puan Zaharah Binti Hussain:

- (i) The Courts nationwide will resume normal operations with effect from 1 Jul 2020 with due compliance of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) required by the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO).
- (ii) All Cases fixed for Mention and Hearing will proceed as usual at staggered times. Mentions will be heard in Open Court (not in Chambers).
- (iii) The Georgetown Criminal Magistrate's Court (1) will operate from the Annexe Building.
- (iv) Mediation Cases will proceed with compliance of the required SOP and parties are also encouraged to utilise online platforms such as *Skype* and *Zoom*.
- (v) All Accused persons brought to the Georgetown Subordinate Courts will be placed in the original lock-up located at the Annexe Building.
- (vi) Remand proceedings for the Georgetown and Balik Pulau Subordinate Courts will continue to be heard at the Central Lock-Up in Bayan Baru until 31 Jul 2020.
- (vii) Road accident cases before Georgetown Civil Sessions Court (3) and Georgetown Civil Magistrate's Court (2) will resume being heard at the Balik Pulau Subordinate Courts. (see our previous Circular Court Liaison 21/20)

Members are advised to take note of the above information.

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